



BC Lawyer List

LAWYERS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF DISABILITY LAW
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Tips to help YOU get to know the knowledge of your potential lawyer

When choosing a lawyer, it is crucial to find someone who understands disability issues as they relate to your estate planning needs. Keep in mind that not all lawyers understand wills and trusts, and not all wills and trust lawyers will understand disability issues. Feel free to use the list below to help you determine if a lawyer is the right one for your needs.

Find out how much of their practice is devoted to estate planning. Many different law firms specialize in different areas of law. It is important to find a lawyer who has a wealth of knowledge regarding estate planning.

Ask the lawyer you are meeting with what percentage of their practice involves planning for people with disabilities and their families. This will give you an idea if they have some knowledge on the topic or they will have to spend time doing research.

Find out how many disabilities trusts they have done in the past year, five years, or ten years.

Ask them what some important key issues and considerations are that may arise while planning for a person with a disability; this will help illuminate their experience.

Ask them about specific laws that are in place when it comes to disability estate planning.

Does the lawyer charge hourly or is the service flat rate based?

Has the lawyer ever had a trust rejected by the Ministry, and if so, why?

Are they familiar with the duties of trustees and how to determine which trustee is best for a family?

Are they familiar with the asset/income exemptions permitted within British Columbia's provincial disability benefits program?

Can the lawyer assist with recommendations and the facilitation of discussions with prospective trustees knowledgeable in the area of disability trusts?

Are they able to explain the difference between a discretionary and non-discretionary trust?

Can they articulate the relevance of the terms "ultimate beneficiary" and/or "the even-handed principal" with respect to disability trust development?

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